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DLNR ANNOUNCES OPENING OF BIG ISLAND 2009 SPRING BEARDED TURKEY SEASON

HONOLULU – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) announces the opening of the 2009 Spring Bearded Turkey Hunting Season on Sunday, March 1, 2009. The spring season will run 31 consecutive days through Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

The spring season will be for bearded turkeys only in specified locations. The season length, bag limits, and hunting areas are established under Title 13, Chapter 122, "Rules Regulating Game Bird Hunting, Field Trials and Commercial Shooting Preserves."

The recent appellate court ruling (*Tanaka v. State*, December 31, 2007) removed the Department's ability to make any seasonal adjustments.

The following conditions and restrictions will be in effect:

Bag Limits and Tags

The daily bag limit shall be two bearded turkeys per hunter with a season limit of two.

All hunters are required to have a current unused turkey tag in their possession while hunting.

Tags are currently free of charge. Turkey tags are nontransferable and must be fastened with snaps and secured tightly around the neck of any bird taken immediately after the kill.

Tags may be obtained from any Hawai'i Island Division of Forestry and Wildlife office and K-Mart in Kona. Hunters must present a current State of Hawai'i Hunting License when obtaining tags. Turkey tags are also required on private land.

Information may be obtained by contacting Division of Forestry and Wildlife offices at the following phone numbers: Hilo: (808) 974-4221; Kamuela: (808) 887-6063 or the main office in Honolulu at (808) 587-0166. Or look at the DOFAW website <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw> under [“Announcements.”](#)

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Open Turkey Hunting Areas	Special Conditions	Season Dates March 1- March 31, 2009 (31 consecutive days)	Hunting Hours
Unit A -Mauna Kea Forest Reserve and GMA	Mammal hunting will also be <u>open daily</u> for rifle, muzzleloader, handgun, shotgun, and bow and arrow. Turkey hunters must also wear blaze orange.		One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
Unit G – Ka‘ohe GMA	Also <u>open daily</u> to mammal hunting for archery. All hunters must wear blaze orange.		
Unit F - CLOSED	This portion of the Pohakuloa Training Area has been closed due to military training.		
Private Lands	Hunters required to have current turkey tags and landowners permission		
Kipuka ‘Ainahou	Kipuka ‘Ainahou will only be open to <u>archery only</u> hunting for turkeys daily. Game mammal archery hunting will also be open on weekends and State holidays.		

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